



EAST POND

Smithfield Twp., Somerset Co. and
Oakland Twp., Kennebec Co.
U.S.G.S. Rome, Maine

Fishes

Brown trout
Rainbow smelt
Smallmouth bass
Largemouth bass
White perch
Yellow perch
Chain pickerel

Minnnows
White sucker
Hornpout (bullhead)
Pumpkinseed sunfish
Black crappie
American eel

Physical Characteristics

Area - 1823 acres

Maximum depth - 27 feet

Temperatures:

Surface - 75⁰F
25 feet - 72⁰F

Principal fisheries: Brown trout, smallmouth bass, largemouth bass, white perch, chain pickerel

East Pond, a large pond in the headwaters of the Belgrade Lakes chain, is the site of year-round recreational activity. Private and commercial camps surround the pond. The short travel time from Waterville and Augusta makes this a popular boating, swimming, and fishing destination. The East Pond fishery is quite diverse. There have been reports of excellent catches of both warmwater and coldwater species. Warmwater sportfish are sustained through natural reproduction. Bass grow to exceptional sizes here and many trophy fish are caught each year.

Black crappie are now established in the Belgrade Lakes, including East Pond. The effect this exotic species will have on existing fish populations is uncertain.

A successful and popular brown trout stocking program was terminated in the late 1980's due to the loss of public access. This stocking program was re-instituted when the Department obtained property and built a boat launch facility.

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